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SUBJECT: 61ST ECOSOC - UNIDO REPORT ON ESTABLISHMENT OF AN
INDUSTRIAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL INFORMATION BANK

1. SUMMARY: UNIDO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR KHANE REPORTED TO ECONOMIC
COMMITTEE JULY 23 ON STATE OF PLAY CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF AN INDUSTRIAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL INFORMATION BANK PURSUANT TO
GA RESOLUTION 3507. COPY OF KHANE'S REPORT AIRMAILED IO/CMD
(FIGGINS) AND OES (MORRIS). END SUMMARY

2. KHANE INFORMED COMMITTEE THAT, IN ORDER TO CARRY OUT MANDATE
OF RES 3507, UNIDO CONVENED TWO MEETINGS OF NINE CONSULTANTS
FROM VARIOUS GEOGRAPHIC REGIONS TO STUDY ESTABLISHMENT OF THE BANK
FROM WHICH THE FOLLOWING CONCLUSIONS WERE DRAWN:

A. SCOPE OF A UNIDO BANK: THE FOLLOWING ARE AMONG THE POSSIBLE
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SERVICES A UNIDO BANK MIGHT PROVIDE TO NATIONAL INFO SYSTEMS:

(I) TECHNOLOGICAL INFO FOR USE IN EVALUATION OF PROJECTS AND THEIR IMPLEMENTATION

(II) INFO ON MORE EFFECTIVE USE OF NATURAL RESOURCES

(III) INFO ON ECONOMIC EXPLOITATION AND PROFITABLE UTILIZATION OF WASTES

(IV) INFO ON THE EXPERIENCE OF COUNTRIES IN THE ACQUISITION OF LICENSES ON PATENT RIGHTS, INCLUDING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF LICENSING AGREEMENTS

(V) INFO ON SECTORAL INVESTMENT PLANS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

(VI) THE PROVISION OF AN ACCESS POINT OF EXISTING KNOWLEDGE ON THE INDUSTRIAL APPLICATION OF ENERGY

(VII) INFO ON EQUIPMENT SUPPLIERS, RESEARCH INSTITUTES, CONSULTING COMPANIES AND CONSULTANTS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, DESCRIBING THE COMPETENCES OF ALL THOSE REGISTERED IN THE MANNER OF A "BETTER-BUEINESS BUEREAU"

(VIII) INFO ON VARIOUS COUNTRIES' LEGISLATION AND PROCEDURES GOVERNING INDUSTRIALIZATION.

THE BANK WOULD ALSO ABSORB THE FUNCTIONS OF THE PRESENT UNIDO INDUSTRIAL INQUIRY SERVICE.

B. BANK MANAGEMENT: THREE POSSIBLE ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURES ARE SUGGESTED (I) THE BANK MIGHT BE MANAGED BY AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL BOARD. THE BANK WOULD HAVE SEMI-AUTONOMOUS STATUS WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF UNIDO AND ITS DIRECTOR WOULD BE A MEMBER OF THE UNIDO SECRETARIAT; (II) THE BANK MIGHT BE ESTABLISHED AS A "HOLDING CORPORATION" IN WHICH COUNTRIES MIGHT HOLD SHARES. UNDER THIS ARRANGEMENT ALSO, THE BANK DIRECTOR WOULD BE A MEMBER OF THE UNIDO SECRETARIAT; (III) THE BANK MIGHT BE ESTABLISHED AS A UNIT OF THE UNIDO SECRETARIAT UNDER THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ANSWERING THROUGH HIM TO THE IDB. IN ALL CASES THE BANK WOULD SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE IDB.

C. FINANCE: THE BANK COULD BE (I) ENTIRELY SELF-SUPPORTING (II) FUNDED ENTIRELY FROM UNIDO'S REGULAR BUDGET (III) FUNDED IN PART FROM UNIDO'S REGULAR BUDGET WITH SUPPLEMENTARY VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS FROM MEMBER STATES (IV) PARTLY FUNDED FROM UNICO FUNDS (PRESUMABLY REGULAR BUDGET) AND PARTLY BY USERS. PROGRAM MAKES INITIAL FINANCIAL PROVISION FOR TEH BANK. BUDGET FOR 1977. THE DRAFT 1978/79 PROGRAM BUDGET FOR UNIFO ALSO MAKES PROVISION FOR FINANCING THE BANK'S ACTIVITIES. UNCLASSIFIED

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D. INITIAL STEPS. IT IS PROPOSED THAT DURING 1977 PILOT ACTIVITIES OF THE BANK BE INITIATED AS FOLLOWS:

(I) THE OPERATION OF THE BANK AS A SOURCE OF TECHNOLOGICAL INFORMATION FOR SPECIFIC GEOGRAPHIC AREAS OR SELECTED INDUSTIRAL SECTORS;

(II) THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CONTACTS AND CONCLUSION OF AGREEMENTS WITH EXISTING INFO SYSTEMS AND

(III) EXAMINATION OF THE POSSIBLE UTILIZATION OF COMPUTERS IN
DATA PROCESSING.

3. COMMENT: KHANE'S REPORT DREW NO SUBSTANTIVE COMMENT FROM
ECONOMIC COMMITTEE MEMBERS. PROSPECT IS THAT COMMITTEE WILL CONFINE
ITSSELF TO RECOMMENDING THAT ECOSOC TAKE NOT OF KHANE'S REPORT
AND PASS IT TO 31ST GA. WE HAVE HEARD THAT KHANE MAY ALSO
SUBMIT THIS REPORT TO RESUMED IDB-X IN EARLY SEPTEMBER TO GIVE
BOARD MEMBERS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS THEMSELVES ON THE ABOVE
PROPOSALS PRIOR TO THEIR CONSIDERATION BY 31ST GA. ABRAMS

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